

<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of the Special Town Meeting June 8, 2015</p>

Moderator Enrico Cappucci opened the Special Town Meeting on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Ayer Shirley Middle School Auditorium, 1 Hospital Road. Mike Detillion led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk had sworn the following people to serve as tellers: Mike Detillion, Brian Dumont, Alpee Levesque, and James Thibault. Election worker Kathie Bradley and Registrar Jim Yocum checked in voters to the meeting. 227 voters had checked in by the end of the evening.

Carolyn Murray, Town Counsel from Kopelman and Paige was in attendance and seated at the table on the stage with the Selectmen.

Moderator Cappucci explained that we would need to recess this meeting to conduct the Super Town Meeting regarding the Devens Enterprise Zone. After that meeting, we would reconvene.

Motion made and seconded to recess the meeting. Voice Vote: Moderator declared the motion to recess passed.

Moderator Cappucci reconvened the meeting at 7:30pm

ARTICLE 1 AMEND ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FY2016

MOTION 1: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Motion made and seconded that the Town amend the FY 2016 Budget and vote, as previously appropriated under Article 6 of the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the additional sum of \$1,801.01 for the Town Administrator's Salary line number 129 under General Government.

Deb Delaite requested a secret ballot. 7 additional people stood in support of the request. Bryan Dumont brought up the fact that there is no provision in Mass General Laws for this procedure. Town Counsel advised that the General Laws are silent on this matter, but if there is a history in a municipality of this procedure, it is allowable.

The moderator advised that he would allow the request.

Finance Committee advised that there was no difference between their recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting, so they had voted supported the request.

Selectmen David Swain advised that the contract of the Town Administrator was for a base salary plus a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) that the other town employees are getting.

The secret ballot moved ahead.

RESULTS OF VOTE ON MOTION 1: YES 79 ; NO 116. Motion failed.

MOTION 2: SCHOOLS

A.) Nashoba Valley Regional School District

Motion made and seconded that the Town amend the FY 2016 Budget and vote, as previously appropriated under Article 6 of the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the additional sum of \$12,517.00 for the Nashoba Valley Regional Technical High School as represented by line 321 in the Budget.

Hand Counted Vote: YES 133; NO 28

B.) Ayer Shirley Regional School District

Motion made and seconded that line item 331 Ayer Shirley Regional School District Operating Expenses to the certified figure of \$6,166,714, as printed in the warrant.

The question was raised whether the High School Debt of \$368,175 also needed to be appropriated. However, it was determined that it had previously been appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of April 27, 2015 and only the Operating Budget was being addressed at this meeting.

Voice Vote: moderator declared approve by majority

FINAL FUNDING MOTION:

Moved and seconded that the Town amend the final funding motion as previously appropriated under Article 6 of the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting from \$12,739,229.37 to \$12,902,704.22 for the Omnibus Operating Budget of the Town for the period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in order to defray the operations and other necessary and proper charges, costs, and expenses of the Boards, Commissions, Committees, Officers, and Departments of the Town, together with the payment of debt service, for said Fiscal Year 2016, with each department considered to be a separate appropriation, as voted by this Town Meeting; such amounts to be funded as follows:

- \$12,129,298.57 from Raise and Appropriate
- \$2,400.00 to be transferred from the Town's Sale of Cemetery Lots Receipt Account
- \$7,400.00 to be transferred from the Perpetual Care Account
- \$ 198.54 to be transferred from the School Bond Premium Reserve
- \$1,616.00 to be appropriated by a transfer from the Wetlands Filing Fee Account
- \$585.59 to be transferred from the Recreation Basketball Revolving Fund
- \$29,510.00 to be transferred from the Dog Revolving Fund
- \$1,800.00 to be transferred from Summer-in-Shirley Program Revolving Fund
- \$1,000.00 to be transferred from Ayer-Shirley Youth Soccer Revolving Fund
- \$1,200.00 to be transferred from Adult Programs Revolving Fund
- \$1,000.00 to be transferred from Shirley Youth Soccer Revolving Fund
- \$6,000.00 to be appropriated by a transfer from the Benjamin Hill Swimming Revolving Fund.
- \$3,000.00 to be appropriated by a transfer from the Legal Notice Revolving Fund.
- \$500.00 to be appropriated by a transfer from the Animal Control Officer Revolving Fund.

- \$32,356.26 to be transferred from the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Program Debt Reserve Account
- \$18,000.00 to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund
- \$628,704.76 to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund

- \$38,134.50 to be transferred from Overlay Surplus

and further, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee, to transfer funds among line items defined within the budget, provided that such transfers shall only occur within the last two months of the fiscal year, and the total transfer amount shall not be more than 1% of the total budget amount; and provided further, that any such transfer shall require a majority vote of each of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee at a duly posted public meeting.

Voice Vote: moderator declared approve by 2/3 vote.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote. Moderator declared that the motion passed. The meeting was dissolved at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy R. McDougall
Shirley Town Clerk